

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 9 (cancelled).

10. (new) A spun bonded nonwoven having a machine direction to cross direction strength ratio of less than 1.3, a density of less than 0.10 g/cm^3 , a tensile strength index in the machine direction of at least 1.5 newtons per 50 mm per gram of nonwoven and in the cross direction of at least 1.3 newtons per 50 mm per gram of nonwoven, and a weight between 12 g/m^2 and 150 g/m^2 .

11. (new) The spun bonded nonwoven of claim 10, wherein the nonwoven is formed by a die depositing filaments across the nonwoven width as it is formed, and the number of die deposited filaments across the width of the nonwoven is increased by disposing the die in an angular orientation relative to the nonwoven as compared with an identical nonwoven except that the latter is formed with the die not disposed in the angular orientation.

12. (new) A spun bonded nonwoven having a machine direction to cross direction strength ratio of less than 1.1, a density of less than 0.10 g/cm^3 , a tensile strength index in the machine direction of at least 1.5 newtons per 50 mm per gram of nonwoven and in the cross direction of at least 1.3 newtons per 50 mm per gram of nonwoven, and a weight between 12 g/m^2 and 150 g/m^2 .

13. (new) The spun bonded nonwoven of claim 12, wherein the nonwoven is formed by a die depositing filaments across the nonwoven width as it is formed, and the number of die deposited filaments across the width of the nonwoven is increased by disposing the die in an angular orientation relative to the nonwoven as compared with an identical nonwoven except that the latter is formed with the die not disposed in the angular orientation.